



# Brownfields 2005 Grant Fact Sheet

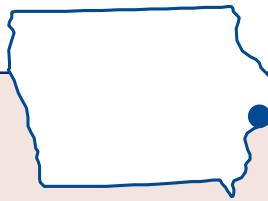
## Davenport, IA

### EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

### Community Description

The City of Davenport was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant and two cleanup grants. Davenport (population 98,359) has chosen to focus assessment and cleanup activities in the West Davenport Brownfields Revitalization area, an area with a history of major manufacturing since 1900. The area includes numerous abandoned and underdeveloped commercial and industrial properties, and is subject to flooding from the Mississippi River. There are 131 potential brownfields properties in the target area, many of which are adjacent to residential developments, an elementary school, and the Nahant Marsh. The poverty rate in the area is 22 percent and 44 percent of the residents receive some form of public



### Assessment Grant

New  
2005

**\$200,000 for hazardous substances**

EPA has selected the City of Davenport for a brownfields assessment grant. Grant funds will be used to conduct community outreach, perform Phase I and II environmental site assessments, and develop corrective action plans for environmentally-compromised properties in the West Davenport Brownfields Revitalization area. The target area has been a manufacturing corridor for more than 100 years.

### Cleanup Grants

New  
2005

**\$400,000 for hazardous substances**

EPA has selected the City of Davenport for two brownfields cleanup grants. Grant funds will be used to design and implement a remediation plan for the nine-acre Meyer Property at 2400 River Drive and the northern portion of the adjacent 25-acre Zenith property. These former greenspace/agricultural properties have up to 20 feet of illegally dumped fill, including shredded automobile waste, foundry sand, batteries, and construction and demolition debris. Previous testing indicated the presence of elevated levels of metals in soil and groundwater.

### Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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assistance. The per capita income in the area is 71 percent of the city per capita. Assessment and cleanup of the area's brownfields will help minimize the risk to human health and environment by reducing the mobility of contaminants; restore and enhance the ecology, including the wetlands and native habitats; and complement the city's River Vision Plan to preserve the area's riverfront. Redevelopment of the brownfields will provide the space needed for the expansion of some of the city's large industrial and commercial facilities. Expansion of existing businesses is the major source of new jobs and investment in the community.

The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.